

2005-2006 ACF Region III Head Start/Fatherhood Conference Series

ABOUT F.A.M.I.L.Y.

Fathers **A**dvocating **M**ale **I**nvolvement in the **L**ives of **Y**outh
"A Brotherhood of Men Empowering Each To Make A Difference"

The F.A.M.I.L.Y. group represents the School District of Philadelphia's Early Childhood Pre-kindergarten Head Start Program's Fatherhood/Male Involvement Initiative.

The group was formally organized in 1992 to facilitate an increase involvement of males in its early childhood program, and to provide them with resources and self-enrichment activities that empower fathers/males to become active partners in their child's development.

During the tenure of the group, it has received national recognition and was selected by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Head Start Bureau to be featured in the production of two national training video resources for Head Start programs, (1995) "**Linking Our Voices**," which highlighted parents/male involvement in Program Governance and the shared decision-making process, and (2003) "**Building Blocks for Father Involvement**," which highlighted strategies for developing male involvement programs and success stories from fathers.

The group has developed many partnerships with other groups and organizations in the Delaware Valley as a network and support system for many of the activities they endeavor in an effort to promote father/family involvement in the lives of children. For information or interest in establishing a partnership with the group, contact:

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